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THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF WEDNESDAY S
"TIMES OF ZAMBIA":

QTE THE DUST WHICH WENT UP WITH HENRY KISSINGER S HISTORIC LANDING
AND BOUNCING AROUND THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IS SLOWLY SETTLING
DOWN. WHAT IS EMERGING?

QTE THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HAS
CERTAINLY NOT MADE TANGIBLE CHANGE TO THE AFRICAN POLITICAL SCENE
TO REPORT HOME ABOUT. HE MERELY CAME, SAW AND SAID WHAT HE
THOUGHT COULD BE IMPORTANT TO AFRICA IN THE FUTURE ALTHOUGH
AFRICA HAD EXPECTED HIM TO TACKLE WITH HER THE PRESENT HOT
POTATOES OF THE CONTINENT.

QTE THE MARKS BEHIND KISSINGER S AFRICAN TRAIL ARE SHOWING IN
EVERY REGION HE VISITED NO CLEAR AMERICAN SOLUTION FOR AFRICA S
BURNING ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF WHICH AN AMERICAN FOREIGN
POLICY ON AFRICA CAN BE RELEVANT TO THE CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN TIMES.

QTE WHAT WAS ALWAYS TRUE, IS NOW ABUNDANTLY MORE SO THAT THE
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UNITED STATES CANNOT AND WILL NOT TAKE UP ARMS OR GIVE THEM TO

FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES TO BRING TO AN END
THE VICIOUS RESISTANCE TO FREEDOM.

QTE AFTER KISSINGER, THE POSITION REMAINS AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN.
AFRICANS CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT EXPECT MILITARY SUPPORT TO THEIR
CAUSE FROM THE NON-SOCIALIST PART OF THE WESTERN HALF OF THE
WORLD. THIS IS SO AT THE TIME WHEN AFRICA S LAST CHOICE OF WAR
FOR SOLVING RHODESIA HAS BEEN MADE AND SEALED.

QTE IN PEACEFUL WORDS YET TO BE MATCHED WITH DEEDS,
KISSINGER MOVED THE UNITED STATES ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTION
A FEW PACES FORWARD BUT FOR RHODESIA THAT MOVEMENT IS ALONG A ROUTE
THAT AFRICANS HAVE ALREADY CLOSED. THE PACES WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY
BOOSTED THE POTENTIALITIES OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AT THE TIME
WHEN THERE WERE NEGOTIATIONS AND NEGOTIATORS BUT TODAY BOTH HAVE
VANISHED.

QTE ONLY TWO THREADS IN KISSINGER S NEW LINE OF AFRICAN POLICY
CAN, IF REALISED, BE MADE RELEVANT TO THE CONTINENT S LINE ON RHODE-
SIA. THESE ARE AMERICA S APPARENT TOTAL REJECTION VERBALLY
OF THE REBELLION AND HER EQUALLY VERBAL CALL TO STRENGTHEN
THE BLOCKADE AGAINST THE RHODESIAN REBEL REGIME.

QTE IN LUSAKA KISSINGER FOR A MOMENT ALMOST QUALIFIED AS A
"PEACEFUL REVOLUTIONARY" WHEN HE GAVE HOPES THAT THE US, WHILE
PUSHING FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE, WOULD REMAIN NEUTRAL TO THE
INEVITABLE ARMED CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

QTE HE ERASED THESE HOPES WHEN SAFELY OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF
ZAMBIA IN PARIS BY TARRING HIS AFRICAN POLICY WITH ACTIVE SUPER-POWER
RIVALRY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

QTE IF KISSINGER S AFRICAN TOUR IS TO TURN WORTHWHILE, HE SHOULD
IN HIS REFLECTIONS BACK IN WASHINGTON, DRAW A LINE ACROSS AFRICA
PUTTING TO THE NORTH ALL FREE AND LIBERATED AFRICA AND TO
THE SOUTH ALL AFRICA S LIBERATED AREAS.

QTE SINCE SHE WILL NOT FIGHT, THE US SHOULD PREOCCUPY HERSELF WITH
AFRICA NORTH OF THE LINE AND KEEP COMPLETELY CLEAR OF THE REGION
SOUTH OF THE LINE NO MATTER WHAT SCALE THE RISING CONFLICT
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MAY ASSUME. END QUOTE

NOTE: IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THIS IS THE FIRST EDITORIAL TO
APPEAR IN THE PARTY-CONTROLLED TIMES ON THE SECRETARY S VISIT
TO AFRICA.
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